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This Week's Program - May 4, 2021



Significant New Laws Passed

Shane Broadway is a 1994 graduate of Arkansas State University, and a former state legislator. He served in the Arkansas General Assembly from 1997-2011, with a focus on education policy. During his tenure he became Speaker of the Arkansas House of Representatives from 2001-2003. The former Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education,

Shane is currently the Vice President for University Relations with the ASU Systems Office in Little Rock. Shane is uniquely qualified to provide insightful commentary on the work of the Arkansas Legislature, which convened on January 11, 2021, and is expected to recess by the end of April. As of a couple of weeks ago, there were 600 bills signed into law.

Shane will share a few of the most significant new laws and what they mean to NE Arkansas, as well as to the state.

How to talk to someone who is vaccine hesitant

by **Elizabeth Schroeder**

As COVID-19 vaccinations are administered around the globe, you've probably seen your social media feeds fill up with joyful vaccine selfies and excited appointment updates. Chances are, you also have someone in your life who's skeptical. Most of us do and that has public health officials concerned.

Vaccine hesitancy is often fuel for heated public debate, but conversations about vaccines don't have to be contentious. In fact, being willing to have them is one of the most impactful ways we can influence global health. As with many emotionally-charged topics, knowing how to start the conversation can be the hardest part. These tips may help you open up a dialogue and get your loved ones thinking differently about being vaccinated.

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Good News! April 27, 2021

John Miles proudly announced that his daughter presented him with a grandson, Scott, three weeks ago,

Erika Chudy reminded everyone that today was ASU's first day of giving. She said the participation rate was beyond what they thought. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Audrey Guinn announced that she and **Blake** would be married five years on Friday, which would also be her nephew's birthday.

Norman Stafford will be receiving a visit soon from his daughter and son-in-law. He is also happy to be together at Rotary.

Gregory Hansen's mother celebrated her birthday yesterday. He didn't think she would mind if he revealed her age -- 100 years old!

Beverly Parker said that on May 2 she would be married forty years. She also thanked everyone who participated in the the 50th annual Earth Day activities last Thursday including clean up events last weekend.

David Leonard's oldest son just graduated from dental school and will be practicing in Jonesboro.



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Events

Weekly meetings online and in person.

May 4 -- Weekly meeting. Shane Broadway, Vice President for University Relations, ASU System. Highlights and insights from the Arkansas State Legislature's 93rd General Assembly.

May 11 -- Weekly meeting. Emily Pennell, Lead Communication Strategist, Southwest Power Pool. Southwest Power Pool and the Winter 2021 Storm.

Birthdays



Kraig A Pomrenke
May 4th



Joe Williams
May 5th



Erika Krennerich Chudy
May 12th

Hatton Weeks
May 12th

April 27, 2021 3rd Hybrid Meeting Tom Bowen - A-State Vice-Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics

Our April 27, 2021 program was presented by Tom Bowen who was introduced this past March, by A-State Chancellor Kelly Dampousse, as the new A-State Vice Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics. Vice Chancellor Bowen is a 25-year veteran leader in collegiate and professional athletics who owns nearly 15 years of experience as an FBS athletics director. With his arrival to A-State, Bowen will make his third stop leading an FBS athletics program after previously completing highly successful stints as the director of athletics at Memphis from 2012-19 and San Jose State from the end of 2004 until June of 2012.

A New Era in Athletics is at A-State with Tom Bowen. The Vice-Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics shared his plans to take A-State to the next level

You can view the meeting by clicking below:

Photos from the April 27, 2021 Meeting



Report Card - April 27, 2021

Membership

Total Active Members - 129
 Active members - 50
 Active-Service - 42
 Active-Partner - 4
 Active-Modern - 9
 Active-LOA - 0
 ♦Active Rule of 85♦ members - 24
 Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 53
 Active Members - 47
 Friends of Rotary - 0
 Honorary members - 0
 Proposed - 0
 Guests - 6
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Emelda LaVonne
Williams
May 18th



James R. Peachey
May 19th



Gerard T. Connors Jr.
May 25th



Michael R. Weaver
May 28th